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1. ABDEL-RAHMAN LETTER ADDRESSED TO PERMREP DATED AUGUST 15 SUGGESTED THAT "ONE OR MORE SPECIALISTS OF AID VISIT UNIDO FOR FEW DAYS AT THEIR CONVENIENCE" TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS AND EXCHANGE OF INFO WITH UNIDO WORKING GROUP ON EVALUATION. LETTER ARRIVED AT MISSION FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF STATE 162027 AND CONSEQUENT DISCUSSION WITH SECRETARIAT SUMMARIZED REF B WHICH REPORTED THAT SECRETARIAT WOULD WELCOME TURNER VISIT OCT 22-26 AND LOOKED FORWARD TO HIS PRESENTATION. SINCE THIS DISCUSSION CARRIED MATTERS BEYOND A-R LETTER REF B FOCUSED ON IT. (COPY A-R LETTER AIRPOUCHED IO/CMD FOR DEPT'S INFORMATION.)

2. DISCUSSION WITH GEORGE SFEIR (WHO CONSULTED OTHERS IN SECRETARIAT AND INFORMED A-R), REPORTED REF B, TOOK PLACE DURING ABSENCE ON LEAVE OF AFIFI (DEPUTY DIRECTOR IT DIVISION) WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF UNIDO WORKING GROUP ON EVALUATION. AFIFI, WHO HAS NOW RETURNED AND WITH WHOM WE DISCUSSED ARRANGEMENTS FOR TURNER VISIT TODAY IN LIGHT OF REF A, WISHES TO ADOPT SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT ARRANGEMENTS THAN THOSE INDICATED BY SFEIR. AFIFI FEELS THAT MOST USEFUL PROCEDURE WOULD BE FOR TURNER TO SPEND HIS TIME BASICALLY WITH UNIDO EVALUATION WORKING GROUP (AFIFI, GOURI AND SFEIR) WHICH CHARGED WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR LAYING OUT PROGRAM OF UNIDO EVALUATION, DEVELOPING METHODOLOGY AND VETTING EVALUATION REPORTS PREPARED BY UNIDO

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SECRETARIAT (OR OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS) PRIOR TO CIRCULATION TO UNIDO MEMBERS.

3. AFIFI AGREES THAT TURNER VISIT WOULD BEGIN WITH BRIEFING OF TURNER BY MEMBERS OF WORKING GROUP ON UNIDO OPERATIONS AND ORGANIZATION IN COURSE OF WHICH GROUP WOULD ALSO DISCUSS WITH TURNER UNIDO'S EXPERIENCE WITH EVALUATIONS TO DATE, PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED, THINKING FOR THE FUTURE, ETC. GROUP WOULD THEN RECEIVE ONE-DAY (OR TWO HALF DAYS) EXPOSITION BY TURNER OF KIND INDICATED AT BEGINNING OF PARA 3 REF A PLUS APPLICATION OF LOGICAL FRAMEWORK TO A PROJECT (PARA 4, REF A). DURING OR SUBSEQUENT TO LATTER STAGE, GROUP WOULD WISH TO BE ABLE TO DISCUSS SUCH MATTERS AS APPLICABILITY OF CONCEPTS DEVELOPED BY AID TO UNIDO EVALUATION PROBLEMS AND, IN GENERAL, TO POSE QUESTIONS FROM DISCUSSION DURING TURNER'S EXPOSITION. AFIFI INDICATED THAT HE WOULD ALSO WISH TO EXPLORE SUCH MATTERS AS POSSIBLE EXPERIMENTAL JOINT AID/UNIDO EVALUATIONS OF SELECTED PROGRAMS OR PROJECTS AND, IN GENERAL, POSSIBLE CONTINUING UNIDO/AID RELATIONSHIPS IN RESPECT OF EVALUATION ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNIDO SECRETARIAT TO BENEFIT FROM AID TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE. AFIFI MENTIONED IN THIS CONNECTION THAT ONE POSSIBILITY TO BE EXPLORED WAS HAVING UNIDO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISERS GIVEN BENEFIT OF TURNER COURSE. FINALLY, AFIFI SAID THAT IF TURNER EXPOSITION TO AND DISCUSSION WITH WORKING GROUP INDICATED IT WOULD BE USEFUL, MEETING COULD BE ORGANIZED OF OTHER SELECTED SECRETARIAT MEMBERS (E.G. CHIEFS OF TCD AREA DIVISIONS, STAFF MEMBERS WHO HAVE WRITTEN PREVIOUS UNIDO EVALUATION REPORTS OR WHO MIGHT BE CALLED UPON TO DO EVALUATION REPORTS IN NEAR FUTURE, ETC) TO WHOM TURNER COULD LECTURE ON AID EXPERIENCE AT END OF HIS STAY.

4. DURING DISCUSSION AFIFI A NUMBER OF TIMES EMPHASIZED THE INTEREST WITH WHICH SECRETARIAT AWAITING TURNER VISIT. IN THIS CONNECTION, SHOULD BE NOTED THAT OCTOBER 26 IS AUSTRIAN NATIONAL DAY DURING WHICH UNIDO WILL BE CLOSED. WORKING WEEK WILL BE FOUR DAYS. AFIFI ALSO AGREED THAT CURRENT EXCHANGES ON TURNER VISIT WOULD BE REGARDED AS REPLY TO MAY 22, 1973 A-R LETTER (VIENNA A-316). MISSION WILL REPLY TO A-R AUGUST 15 LETTER NOTING, INTER ALIA, DISCUSSIONS UNDERWAY LOOKING TO TURNER VISIT AND PRESENTATION.

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5. MISSION WOULD WELCOME COMMENTS ON ARRANGEMENTS AS PROPOSED BY AFIFI AND, IF THESE ARE ACCEPTABLE, ANDY FURTHER DETAILS ON TURNER VISIT THAT SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO SECRETARIAT.

6. MISSION ASSUMES TURNER WILL HAVE SEEN VIENNA A-188, MARCH 29, 1973. STIBRAVY

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